## Richmond Dispatch.

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TUESDAY ..... MARCH 5, 1878

## WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR To-DAY .- For the Middle States, rising followed by falling barometer, colder northwesterly winds, diminishing in force and backing to warmer westerly or southerly, and clear weather. For the South Atlantic States, rising ba rometer, diminishing northwesterly winds, colder and clear weather, followed by rising temperature, and possibly winds shifting to

Cautionary signals continue at Norfolk Cape Henry. Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras. and are ordered off shore at Wilmington, Cape Lookout, Atlantic City, Barnegat, Sandy Hook, Newport, Wood's Hole, Boston, and Thatcher's Island.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was cool and partly cloudy.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 50: 9 A. M., 53; noon, 57; 3 P. M., 53; 6 P. M., 47; midnight, 37.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

CHURCH NOTES.—At the Monumental church on Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Kepler preached, and in the afternoon Rev. Pike Powers preached.

At Centenary church ten persons were Received and filed. received-five on profession of faith and five by certificate. Two persons were baptized. There were six conversions during the week.

There were three conversions at Trinity church during the week, and the meetings will be continued this week. At Clay-Street church there were three

conversions during the week. Four persons were received at Park-Place church on Sunday-three by profession and one by certificate. At this church there were eight conversions during the

profession and two by certificate. At Oregon Hill church three persons

by certificate. Five persons were converted during the week.

week at 72 o'clock P. M.

pointed to speak were not present. At the Seventh-Street church one person was baptized Sunday night.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS .- The House Finance recommendation that it do not pass a bill proposing to inaugurate the Moffett system | ter-shop on Leigh street between St. James of taxation with reference to cigars. Yesterday was the last legislative pay-day

of the session. The proposition to devolve upon the clerk of the joint Committee on the Revision of Criminal Laws (Captain John A. the Senate didn't contemplate stopping the west Marshall street. Agreed to. salary of Sergeant Wirt Harrison, who has been very sick. Captain McCaull would bave served for Mr. Harrison without pay but Mr. Harrison is now able to go about and with the assistance of Mr. Wilson, the courteous janitor, the Senate thought he could discharge the duties of the office for the few remaining days of the session. Dr. Moffett, who has been on a visit to Quincy, Ill., to see a sick brother, has returned to the city.

term of the Hustings Court, but Judge Christian, unwilling to leave the business of his present office in the Supreme Court uncared for, concluded it would be best not the duties of his new office until the first before the court that have been sent on ing on the docket of the Hustings Court

another if it was possible to prevent it. pear before the court yesterday were in at- at No. 915 Twenty-sixth street. tendance, but were recognized to appear on the first Monday in April.

THE BROOK-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT .-One of the grandest improvements ever projected in the city has just been com- of Mr. Straus. oleted. It is the paving of Brook avenue from Broad street to the corporate limits. and the avenue has been widened in some places. It is expected that the entire route | mended the adoption of the resolution. will be ready for travel on and after to-day Saturday night the avenue from Broad to Marshall street was blockaded. Around Adams and Broad streets, and from Adams to Marshall street it may be some days before the streets will be clean. The people of that section of the city are justly proud of their great improvement. No money spent in Richmond in the last quarter of a century has been more judiciously expended than the amount laid out in the improvement of

Henrico; R. Steagall, Cincinnati; Frankford; J. L. Moore, Albemarle; James W. of election, \$3 per day. Wilkinson, Powhatan; George Winfree,

Rutherford, Amelia county. Kendall Thomas, born in this city July vice. 28, 1821, son of Benefiah Thomas, died in Columbus, Ohio, on the 26th ultimo. He care of lunatics was referred to the Comremoved to that State in 1839, where he mittee on Lunatics, on motion of Mr. high esteem by his brother-lawyers.

filled positions of trust for many years, and Starke. the resolutions adopted by the Columbus bar on his death show that he was held in penses was, on motion of Mr. Curtis, refer-Dr. Meade C. Kemper takes Dr. Styles's place at the Almshouse. Dr. Nicholson officers in the chain-gang was passedwill remain another year.

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO JUDGE GUIGON A meeting of the friends of the late Judge A. B. Guigon will be held at the City Circuit Court-room to-morrow evening at 5 viding for the payment of the Coroner's o'clock to take into consideration the pro- | bill. Agreed to.

priety of erecting a monument to that lamented and esteemed public servant. A full attendance is desired.

MILITARY ELECTION.—At an election of tics—8 males and 12 females—at the exofficers of the Richmond City Guard held pense of the city; which was received. last night to fill vacancies Lieutenant J. L

## DAILY DISPATCH.

VOL. LIII.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE—THE POLICE AND THE STATION-HOUSES-FRAMED BUILD-INGS-MORE RETRENCHMENT PRO-POSED-CLAIMS. &C .- IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS IN THE WEST END—THE GRADES IN THE WEST END DEFEATED-A DESIRA-BLE CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND HUSTINGS COURT-RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN, &c., &c.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Braselman, Campbell, Curtis. Davis. Ellett. Foster, Gregory, Hargrove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, King, Manson, Metzger, Starke, Skinker, Straus. Timberlake, Vandervall, Whitlock, and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Ellett, Mr. Straus was invited to preside in the absence of President Christian. Mr. Ellett said he had been requested by

the Mayor of the city to say that this is the time for him to present his annual message, but as some of the heads of departments had not sent in their reports he was compelled to defer his for a time. THE POLICE AND THE STATION-HOUSES.

The Chair laid before the Council a communication from the president of the Board of Police Commissioners returning an or- adding a proviso that no one of the streets dinance requiring a certain number of po- named shall be actually graded until a malicemen to sleep in the station-houses, with jority of the property-owners on such &c., of the Council until a president is the recommendation by the Police Board street shall petition for the grade. that the ordinance at present existing remain in force, with an amendment that it cussed in every part of the city, and every be left to the discretion of the Board of member must be familiar with the subject.

LIGHT. Mr. Higgins presented a resolution from the Committee on Light extending the street-main from the Normal-School building, on Twelfth street, so as to furnish A. . Ford with gas at his stables. Agreed to. Mr. Higgins (President Christian in the chair) also presented the annual report of the Committee on Light, which was received and ordered to be forwarded to the Mayor. [The report will be found elsewhere.]

FRAMED BUILDINGS.

Mr. King, from the Committee on the Fire At the Manchester Methodist church three Department, presented a joint resolution persons were received on Sunday-one by giving permission to the following persons to erect frame houses in the city: Charles Spencer, addition to dwelling on Twentywere received-two on profession and one ninth street between Broad and Marshall streets; Mrs. E. R. Perrow, dwelling on Jackson street between Pierce and St. Pe-At the Grace-Street Baptist church, the ter streets; J. C. Tignor, stable on Twentymeeting protracted through the week was first street; James M. Taylor & Son, agent well attended, and several professed con- for William Allison, to enlarge their outversion. One person was baptized Sunday houses in rear of old Trinity church; C. H. night. The meetings will continue this Benton, dwelling on St. James street between Charity and Federal streets; Thomas At Venable-Street Baptist church the in- Haynes, shed on Arch street between fant class were greatly surprised by finding | Fourth and Fifth streets; John Russell, a nice small cabinet organ in their room dwelling corner Twenty-seventh and O Sunday morning-the gift of Mr. Walter streets; Easley Dobbin, shed on Fed-Reems, the assistant superintendent of the eral street between First and Second streets; S. J. Gilpin, dwelling on St. Peter At the Leigh-Street Baptist church, at street between Charity and Federal streets; communion Sunday, seven persons were re- Christian Sears, to repair stable at No. 41 ceived into the feilowship of the church.
At night the Virginia Bible Board held a at No. 901 Broad street, to be put up under meeting in this church. Rev. J. Z. Tyler the direction of the chairman of the commade an carnest speech. Others who were mittee; Smith & Jefferson, dwelling on Seventh street between Baker and Preston streets; Adolph Beutel, to move dwelling from Third street between Broad and Marshall streets to Charity street between First and St. James streets; James M. Chalkley. Committee on yesterday reported with the dwelling on Pine street between Spring and China streets; John L. Dillon, carpen-

Agreed to. The committee also presented a resolution rejecting the petitions of Samuel Egan, for house on Marshall street between Eighteenth and Mineteenth streets; and of Rich-McCaull) the duties of sergeant-at-arms of ard Gray, for building on his lot, No. 707

LUMBER-YARDS.

and Adams streets.

The committee also presented an opinion. of the City Attorney on the subject of the establishment of lumber-yards, and the power of the Council to control the same when believed to be dangerous; which was for an ordinance to meet the case.

MORE FRAMED HOUSES. Mr. King, on his own behalf, presented a joint resolution granting the THE HUSTINGS COURT—JUDGE CHRISTIAN. following petitions for the erection of Yesterday was the first day of the March framed buildings: J. W. Woodward, dwelling on Twenty-seventh street between O and P streets; W. T. White, stable on Clay street between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets; William Shanks, to qualify. So he will probably not assume | dwelling corner Twenty-fifth and M streets; A. L. Crouch, to repair shed on Eighteenth Monday in April. There are very few cases street between Franklin and Grace streets; A. B. Clarke, wood- and coal-house at No. from the Police Court, and not one remain- 2517 Grace street; James P. Feigg, dwelling on Beverley street near Plum street; from previous terms to be disposed of. It Hyman Jacobs, shop at No. 1715 Main was Judge Guigon's invariable habit never street; W. Jacobs, cow-shed at No. 9 Fifto allow a case to go over from one term to teenth street; Irvin East, dwelling on St. James street between Federal and Charity A number of witnesses summoned to ap- streets; P. H. Allen, addition of two rooms the Council chamber; and for the con-

Agreed to. Mr. King also presented a resolution rejecting the petition of Jacob May to add a story to his frame kitchen at No. 607 Broad street; which was recommitted, on motion

Mr. King stated that the last resolution had not been passed upon by the commit-An excellent sidewalk has also been laid, tee simply because he had failed to get a meeting of the committee; but he recom-

MORE RETRENCHMENT.

Retrenchment and Reform, presented a and clerk's office of the Hustings Court, joint resolution annulling the contract now and the office of the City Sergeant, as shall existing between the city of Richmond and fit them for the uses of the said court, the Dr. J. D. Moncure, entered into March 15, City Council, the city clerk, and the Super-1875, for the care of insane citizens of intendent of the Water-Works. Richmond.

The committee also presented an ordinance to reduce election expenses as fol- and thought that the change would be most lows: Registrars, \$3 per day for each day desirable. It would be the means of conemployed, but not to exceed three days at solidating the offices of the city, and add to PERSONAL. - The visitors to the Tobacco any election, and they shall receive \$1 for the comfort of the Judge of the Hustings Exchange were the following: J. Bolling, posting notices; judges of election, \$5 for Court. He spoke of the appeal that Judge each election; two clerks at each precinct | Guigon had made to him for the betterment lin Little, Winchester; R. L. Moneure, Staf- for each election, \$5 each; commissioners of his quarters, and thought it would be of

The committee also presented an ordi-Chesterfield; L. Banks, Madison; Emil nance dispensing with one of the managers mittee on Grounds and Buildings, with Koethcke, West Point, Va.; and Thomas of the chain-gang, which they say can be power to act. done without detriment to the public ser-

That part of the report relative to the

The ordinance reducing election ex-The ordinance reducing the number of

red to the Committee on Elections. ayes, 19; noes, 7. CLAIMS AND SALARIES.

Mr. Haxall presented a resolution from the Committee on Claims and Salaries, pro-

LUNATICS. Mr. Manson, from the Committee on Lunatics, presented a report showing that there are now in the Pinel Hospital 20 luna-

FROM THE OTHER BRANCH.

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, 1878. streets in the West End for the accommo- the water-main on said Marshall street be-

Presbyterian, and Baptist churches in the West End. Agreed to. by which the resolution referred to was rejected. Agreed to.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote: AYES.—Messra. Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Gregory, Guy, Hargrove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, Johnson, King, Manson, Oliver, Starke, Skinker, Stokes, Straus, Timberlake, Vandervall, Whitlock,

and Christian.

NOES.—Messrs. Adams, Braselman, Campbell, Metzger, and Wood. Mr. Ellett moved to take from the table the resolution appropriating \$327 from the street fund to lay a curb, &c., on the east side of First street between Clay and Leigh streets. Agreed to.

The resolution was agreed to-ayes, 20;

THE WEST-END GRADES.

Mr. Curtis moved to take from the table the resolution for the establishment of grades, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, for the west end of the city. Agreed to. The resolution was read.

noes, 7.

Mr. Ellett presented a resolution as an amendment providing that when the proposed grades are adopted they shall be deemed permanent, and any alteration or amendment shall only be made at the expense of the city. Mr. Curtis moved further to amend by

Mr. Curtis said the matter had been dis-

Police Commissioners to enforce it or not. He thought it eminently advisable to establish these grades, so that when a party desires to build he can get from the Engineer a permanent grade. He thought with the restrictions thrown around the proposed change it would be of great value to the

Mr. King spoke very warmly in opposi tion to the grade. He thought the result would be that all improvements in the west corner of the city would be practically stopped for twenty years. He was satisfied that the property in the section where the change is to be made would be greatly in-

Mr. Skinker agreed with his colleague. It would cost a vast amount of money, and, in his judgment, would entail a heavy expense to the projerty-owners. He hoped t would be the pleasure of the Council not to make the proposed changes.

At the request of Mr. Straus, the fills and cuts in making the proposed grades, as already published in the Dispatch, were read by the clerk.

Mr. Ellett said the attention of the Committee on Streets was first called to this important improvement by a petition, and the ground had been visited by the committee and the grades examined. Mr. King denied that property-owners

had petitioned for the grades. Mr. Davis moved to lay on the table until the bill in regard to this matter has been disposed of by the Legislature. The motion to lay on the table was re

iected. The amendments proposed by Messrs. Ellett and Curtis were rejected by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Braselman, Campbell, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Gregory, Guy, Hargrove, Haxall, Manson, and Starke.
NOES.—Messrs. Adams, Hayes. Higgins, Johnson, King. Metzger. Oliver, Skinker, Stokes, Straus, Timberlake, Yandervall, Whitlock, Wood, and Christian.

The vote was then taken on the resolution fixing the grades as proposed by the Board of Aldermen, and rejected by the following recorded vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Braselman, Curtis, Ellett, Foster, iregory, Starke, and Christian.
NOMS.—Messrs. Adams. Campbell. Davis. Guv. Gregory, Starke, and Christian.
NOBS.—Messrs. Adams, Campbell. Davis, Guy,
Hargrove. Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, Johnson, King,
Manson, Metzger, Oliver, Skinker, Stokes, Straus,
Timberlake, Vandarvall, Whitlock, and Wood.—20. COST OF CITY GAS.

Mr. Straus presented to the Council a report of the City Auditor, in response to a resolution, as to the cost of manufacturing gas for the city; which was read. Mr. Curtis moved to lay the report on the

Mr. Manson in advocating the motion to table said the statement was a mere hyporeferred to the Committee on Ordinances thesis, and did not give a fair idea of the cost of making gas.

The motion to table was agreed to. A DESIRABLE CHANGE IN CITY OFFICES.

Mr. Straus presented the following: Whereas, in the present condition of the finances of the city it is advisable to avoid all expense not absolutely necessary, and there seem urgent reasons for the better accommodation of the Court of Hustings of the city of Richmond, for greater convenience in the transaction of the business of said court:

1. Resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That from and after the first day of April, 1878, the two branches of the City Council will meet in the room now occupied by the Hustings Court, and that the sessions of the Hustings Court shall be held in the room in Washington Hall now used as venient transaction of the business of the court shall be devoted the rooms both above and below the Council Chamber-those now occupied by the Superintendent of the Water-Works for the accommodation of the clerk of the court, and the rooms above the chamber for the use of juries and officers of the court.

2. Resolved. That the Committee on Grounds and Buildings are instructed to make, under advisement of the presidents of the two branches of the Council and the Judge of the Hustings Court, such exchanges Mr. Whitlock, from the Committee on in Washington Hall and in the court-room

Mr. Straus described the discomforts of the City Hall, especially the Hustings Court, advantage to the city to make the change. Mr. Whitlock moved to refer to the Com-

Mr. Ellett favored the change. There

would be little or no cost. The resolution was unanimously agreed to. [A most desirable change, and it is hoped the Board will concur in the action of this body.]

RESOLUTIONS, &C. By Mr. Adams: Resolutions for stonecurbing on the south side of Venable street from Eighteenth to Mosby, and on north side of Eighteenth street from Clay to Vena-

ble street. Referred. By Mr. Straus: A resolution of inquiry as to the disposition proper to be made of the real property belonging to and not profitably used by the city. Referred. By same: A joint resolution directing

the Auditor to pay out of the amount ap-

propriated to pay-rolls of public schools all

the School Board. Agreed to. Principal Cities of the United States, Januban and Manchester was held last night at Odd-Fellows' salaries of the deputies of sergeants of the deputies of sergeants of the odd-Fellows' Hall.

A called meeting of the Odd-Fellows' Endowment Committee of Richmond and Manchester was held last night at Odd-Fellows' Hall.

Net Prices of Illuminating Gas in Some of the confidently believed by all sagaclous financiers and business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that there will soon be a general revival in all branches of trade, so that real estate located like this, in the very centre of the business-men that the relication of the deputies of the United States, January 1, 1878, Obtained in Response to a Circater of the Washington, D. C.:

dation of the congregations of the Moore tween the points indicated. Agreed to. Memorial, Park-Place Methodist Episcopal, By Mr. Starke: A resolution asking for an ordinance to put the police contingent fund under the control of the Committee Mr. Higgins moved to reconsider the vote on Police, instead of the Police Board, and

calling for an itemized statement of expenditures. Agreed to.

By same: A resolution calling for names of all persons who have been relieved from connecting their premises with the city culverts, and the reasons for such, and length of time for which said indulgence was

granted. Referred to City Engineer. By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution for three public closets—two on the dock near the Philadelphia sheds and one on Dock near Seventeenth street-to be put up under the direction of the Board of Health. Referred. Mr. Whitlock presented a resolution that no curbing be laid in the city during the present year. After a tilt between the East- and West-

End the resolution, on motion of Mr. Straus, was committed to the Committee on Streets. By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution calling for a detailed report for the enlargement of resolution of the chairman of the Committee on Water, dated June 18, 1877. Referred.

By Mr. Hayes: A resolution for a gas-

lamp at the corner of Nicholson street and

Brook avenue. By Mr. King: A resolution in relation to location of lumber-yards. Referred. On motion of Mr. Davis, Mr. Straus was authorized to sign the joint resolutions,

RESIGNATION OF MR. CHRISTIAN. Mr. Manson, being in the chair, presented the resignation of Mr. George L. Christian as president of the body. Mr. Christian says he cannot sever his official connection without tendering his sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy that he has received at the hands of all. Mr. Straus presented the following:

Whereas the president of the Common

Council, George L. Christian, Esq., has been by the General Assembly of Virginia elected Judge of the Hustings Court, and this body deems it an occasion justifying the expression of their heartfelt sentiments, Resolved, That while sincerely regretting the loss of our fellow-member, the worthy president of the Common Council, we cordially bid him God-speed in his new career, and rest in perfect assurance that the manly energy and uprightness evinced

public position, secure to him the approbation of all good men. Resolved, That a place in our chamber, on the occasions of our meetings, is respectfully tendered him, and we cordially nvite his presence amongst us whenever is leisure and inclination shall allow him. The resolutions were unanimously agreed cord and communicated to the late presi-

Mr. Christian spoke very feelingly in resporse to the resolutions offered by Mr. Straus, and returned his heartfelt thanks for the confidence that had been imposed in him by the Council.

ELECTIONS. On motion of Mr. Skinker, the Council proceeded to elect a member from Clay Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge George L. Christian, nd nominated Mr. Edward D. Christian for the position. On motion of Mr. Higgins, Mr. Christian

was elected by acclamation. Mr. Wood presented the resignation of Mr. Charles F. Taylor as a member from Jefferson Ward. Accepted. To fill the vacancy, Mr. Adams nominated Mr. Elijah Baker, and, on motion of Mr.

Starke, he was elected by acclamation. Adjourned. BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS .- The buildings at Nos. 2214 and 2216 east Main street are re-

orted in a dangerous condition. There were no sales of loose tobacco reported yesterday. The lamp at the corner of Seventh and Franklin streets is out of order.

The last person killed on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad before last Saturday was a section-hand named Morris, in 1873, by his own carelessness. The collections of United States internal

evenue yesterday were \$3,080.64. The sidewalk in front of No. 1112 east Main street needs relaying. The custom-house, United States and Bankrupt Courts, and United States commissioner's office, were barren of items yes-

terday. This is the last night on which either private or public germans and other terpsichorean delights will be indulged in by many for forty days and nights. The huge piles of oyster shells which ac-

cumulate from the sloops on the dock meet with a ready sale to the lime-kiln men. A number of vehicles were engaged yesterday in hauling tobacco from the Danville

There were no arrivals or clearances of vessels, either foreign or coastwise, yesterday. An unusual occurence. The omnious words "For Rent" can be seen on six out of eight of the once teeming

and populous "Cash-Corner row." Master Ralph Bingham entertained a nighly delighted audience at St. Mark's Episcopal church last night. A number of silver maple trees have been set out in front of No. 1512 east Cary street.

The last german of the season of the Richmond German Club took place last night at Sänger Halle. Section No. 18 of the order of K. of D. had a meeting last night at Concordia Hall,

and initiated several candidates. The First Police-Station rogues' gallery has already the photographs of some dozen absconding swindlers, sent from the police headquarters North and West. From their

personal appearance and apparel none of them would be taken for thieves. A white man was observed to throw a bundle in James river from the Free bridge early yesterday morning. Several colored persons who witnessed the act followed up the party to question him, but he passed rapidly to the Manchester side and out of

The sidewalk on Ninth street, from the Free bridge (to Byrd street, will compare favorably with any street in Manchester or Rocketts old-field.

W. L. Holt, who was badly hurt a few days since, is out of danger and fast improving. The sixth cotillon soirée of the Southern

Star Socials last night was one of the most agreeable of a successful series. Henrico Union Lodge, F. A. M., had a meeting for work last night, and afterwards regaled themselves and visiting brethren on

all the seasonable delicacies. A temperance meeting under the auspices of Richmond Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, was held last night at Leigh-Street Baptist church. Rev. W. W. Wood, State lecturer, was the principal speaker. night for the benefit of Mr. Milton Gardner, late of the Georgia Minstrels.

covered some rubbish in rear of the foun- disastrous. dry of Watt & Call on fire. The hose-ree incidental expenses properly authorized by of Company C was called on, and the flames extinguished without a general alarm.

Late Sunday night Officer Michaels dis-

THE CITY GAS.

Annual Report of the Committee on Light.

WHAT THE GAS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE DURING THE YEAR-ITS EXPENSES-WHAT THE CITY GAS COSTS-THE COST OF LIGHTING OTHER CITIES, &c.

on Light; which was referred to the Mayor. The report will be printed: RICHMOND, March 4, 1878.

To the Common Council:

contained in the tables accompanying the Superintendent's report obviate the necessity of presenting an itemized statement of the operations of the gas department for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1878. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with a brief summary of those details, and a the pump-house, &c., contemplated in the reference to such circumstances in the re-

	1876.	1877.
Public consump-		
tion of gas	20,109.579 feet 59,584,140 feet	19,170,829 feet
Private	59,584,140 feet	59,710,900 reet
Coali on hand		
purchased	26,566,260 lbs.	26,844,790 lbs.
Coke made and	Technology and Street Al-	
on hand	330,738 bus.	336,887 bus
Public lamps	1.180	1,188
Total receipts	\$159,432	\$158,341
Total disburse-	The state of the	
ments	\$119,397	\$115,495
Profit, including	Department of the	A STATE OF THE STATE OF
public con-		The same below pages and
sumption	\$90,209	\$91,301
Profit less inter-	60,000	60,000
est account		
Candle power	17	16.96%
Canada po action		

countered during the year this exhibit is highly gratifying.

Early in the year very extensive repairs occurred which threatened serious conse-

During the year the committee underto the lower works.

reports), was completed. An extraordinary freshet in November

The aggregate cost to the works of these the direct damage by the freshet, amounts on the public streets on the Sabbath day. to over \$10,000, as follows:

Allen Robinson and William Hicks were

2,085 93

We cannot forbear in this connection to mention in terms of highest commendation dinary damage should have been repaired with entering the chicken-house of A. J. and the use of the public gas restored. Un- Blackburn and stealing two chickens. night and day to repair the extraordinary First Market during market-hours, were

sary to keep the works in operation. turns of the price of gas in the principal cities of the Union, from which it will be seen that only in five is the cost to consumers less than in Richmond. Of these cessfully managed by the following comonly one is under municipal control-that | mittees: profit on a total expenditure of \$854,676 | Marrin, and John Rankin. was only \$5,394, or but a little over one half attention to a table of receipts and expendi- and Daniel Challoner. tures of the works for the past five years, furnished by the Auditor, together with an duction for each year, charging interest on | Michael Dolan, John Merrett, and Napoleon an estimated construction account of \$1,- | Barfoot. 000,000. If to the expenses there set fourth should be added the city and State taxes their guests, and the ball was a grand sucannually to an average of over \$20,000 a year, it will be seen that in the hands of

pecuniary loss at present rates. quality of the gas generated:

Williams & Lewis, 4 cars, 4.58 cubic feet per pound-17 candles.

Coal-Valley Company, 4 cars, 4.63 cubic feet per pound-17 candles. Halwood's, 4 cars, 3.86 cubic feet per

by Mr. Faulkner was 4.69 cubic feet, with

Respectfully submitted. JOHN M. HIGGINS. Chairman Committee on Light.

In the Common Council yesterday afternoon, Mr. John M. Higgins presented the following annual report of the Committee

Gentlemen,-The very complete details

est the Council and the people:		
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public con- sumption Profit less inter-	\$90,209 60,000	\$91,301 60,000
est account	17	16.96%

quences.

took, out of its profits, to pave and curb Poplar street, the main avenue of approach A new building, to enclose the washers day: so satisfactorily before us will, in his more and condensers, and steam-heaters in the

> expense, but with the total loss of consump- allowed bail for their appearance. tion of gas in one of the best months of the year for three days and nights.

And, morever, we beg leave to remark that, in addition to the above, 186 meters were submerged, which had to be replaced. the zeal, energy, and devoted labors of the officers and men on the occasion of the flood of November. Experts from other cities who were here shortly after that accident were frank to express their surprise that in | with being a suspicious character. the short space of three days such extraorhappily, the invaluable services of Mr. Adams were lost to the Superintendent by ing the house of William B. Jones with inhis severe illness at the time, but all that tent to commit larceny. could be done to supply his place was furnished by the willing hands and untiring ordinances were disposed of: labors of the men who, with no intermission

damage from the water. Your committee desires specially to mention the untiring energy and intelligent with cursing Charley Ellis on the streets, management of the Superintendent (Mr. | was fined \$2. Committed in default of pay-Knowles), who, though in feeble health, re- ment. mained at his post until the restoration was accomplished, and but for whose intimate acquaintance with the works, both below of Dr. Macgill, and with creating a disturband above ground, the labor of repair would | ance on the street, was fined \$5. have been greatly enhanced. Your committee desires to make public acknowledg-

private owners the works would have been The experience of the flood of 1877 demonstrated the great superiority of clay over iron retorts. At the time of the disaster we had in use seventy-nine retorts, all The same experience also suggests the which gas could be stored for emergencies. Farrar's inimitable style, and all who attend We desire also to acknowledge the receipt | will enjoy one of the richest treats of the of coal as follows from some of the largest producers during the year, with the results of test as to the amount and illuminating

W. R. Johnson, 4 cars, 4.61 cubic feet per pound-17 candles.

pound-16.20 candles. The maximum yield of the last lot sent

an illuminating power of 17 candles. In conclusion, we beg-to renew our praise faithful and continued efforts the calamity of November would have proved far more

E. C. Waithall, orderly sergeant; and Corporal W. S. Upshur, fifth sergeant.

Ambulance Call.—A white man named William Gayle was attacked with congestion of the brain at the Old Dominion wharf yesterday at 10:56 o'clock A. M. The city sergeand at 10:56 o'clock A. M. The city ambulance was called and the man carried to his residence, at No. 2404 cast Main street.

E. C. Waithall, orderly sergeant; and Corporal W. S. Upshur, fifth sergeant.

Samuting permits, &c., were concluded sergeants of cities and towns. Agreed to.

Mr. Straus also presented the following:

Mr. Stra 

\*Special rates of discount on bills over \$100. Disbursement City Gas-Works, Including \$60,-000 Per Year for Interest on \$1,000.000 for Five Years, Commencing with the Year 1873 and Ending with the Year 1877: 1873. Inventory of coal and material on hand 31st January, 1873...\$ 28,179 535,135 feet gas (\$2.50)...... 1.338

pany.... Frenten, N. J., City Gas-Light Company....

NO. 55.

\$ 29,517

Coal... Interest.... 227,234 76,452.655 feet cost (\$3.36)... 256.751 1874. 4.727,447 feet cost (\$2.70) .. 201,817 Expenses and labor.... 77,732,569 feet cost (\$2.50)...

78,911,729 feet cost (\$2.22)...

Expenses and labor.....

194.678 1876. xpenses and labor..... 30,220,179 feet cost (\$2.23)... 179,397 xpenses and labor..... oal..... \$175,496 

Estimated cost of 387.044,579 feet at \$2.32 per 1,000...... \$897,590 POLICE COURT .- Acting Justice Crutchfield disposed of the following cases yester-

35.468

175,496

\$1,008,139 110,549

A. C. Johnson, L. M. Johnson, and purifying house (recommended in previous reports), was completed.

Thomas Gibbs, were charged with keeping a house of ill-fame. L. M. Johnson was discharged, and A. C. Johnson and Thomas burdened the works not only with heavy Gibbs sent on to the Hustings Court and Frances E. Wright was fined \$10 for as-

saulting and beating A. Austin Smith. Maggie Mitchell was committed to jail for to, and ordered to be spread upon the re- several items of expenditure, not including thirty days on the charge of drunkenness Allen Robinson and William Hicks were found guilty of stealing a lot of coal from WASH. Fifty cents a bottle. the Brighthope Coal Company. Robinson was sent to jail for thirty days, with twenty stripes added. Hicks was sent to jail for twenty days and to receive fifteen lashes.

> Michael Mason, charged with the larceny a horse and buggy, the property of Dr. Charles Macgill. Edward A. Napier and M. A. Glazebrook, charged on cross-warrants with threatening | and diseased gums, use MEADE & BAKER'S CAR-The following were continued until to-

The following were discharged:

Robert Davis, charged with assaulting and attempting to cut Dudley Lee, and Robert Robertson alias Jennings, charged Floming Randolph, charged with enter

The following cases of violation of city John Garnett and Fannie Pegram (colsave when absolutely exhausted, labored ored), charged with being disorderly in the fined \$2 each.

> Micheal Mason, charged with being drunk, taking without leave the horse and buggy

THE BALL OF THE ATLANTIC CLUB .- The ment of the courtesy and favors of Gen- third annual ball of the Atlantic Base-Ball eral Williams C. Wickham, of the Chesa- and Pleasure Club took place last night at peake and Ohio road, who sent special Levy's Hall. While the attendance was not trains to furnish us with dry coal at the time as large as on previous occasions, this did of the flood, and who, in the early part of the not detract from the general enjoyment. year, when the labor-strikes threatened to The hall was well filled with the members cut off our coal supply, had the public of the Club and their lady and gentlemen spirit to tender us, from the mines under friends. Mesco's string band furnished control of his company, any amount neces- excellent quadrille and waltz music, and the gay revellers danced the happy hours We append a table giving the official re- away until the wee small hours. Among those who "tripped the light fantastic with imposing grandeur were several of the municipal candidates. The ball was suc-

of Philadelphia-and the official report of On Reception: James T. Ferritter, Capthose works for the past year shows the tain Willam Barfoot, T. O. Leary, James Arrangements: Messrs. Barfoot, Ferriter.

of one per cent. In this connection we call | Captain Joseph Devine, Samuel Williams, Floor Managers: Captain Joseph Devine. Arthur Dabney, Frank Minatree, Samuel interesting exhibit of the actual cost of pro- Williams, Harry Schlosser, J. W. Parsons,

These gentlemen paid every attention to

JUDGE FARRAR'S LECTURE TO-NIGHT .-Judge Farrar will deliver a lecture at the Seventh-Street Christian church to-night at o'clock. This is the first appearance of Johnny Reb" on Shockoe Hill this season, and the church should be crowded. The of which would probably have been broken following attractive programme has been if made of iron, but as it was we lost none. arranged: "The County-Court Lawyer," "A Friday-Evening Review at an Old-Field inquiry whether it would not be well to School," "Miss Birdie's Wedding-Day, construct at some suitable point a reservoir- and "The Halifax Overseer and his Wife." holder out of reach of the rise of water, in All of these selections are rendered in Judge

season.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST .- This drama which was unavoidably postponed Saturday, will be presented to-night at Mozart Hall by the pages of the General Assembly assisted by youthful amateurs of merit well known to the public, with new costumes and scenery. The management have gone to great trouble and expense to put the piece before the public, and it is hoped their efforts may be appreciated.

BY REASON OF THE STRINGENCY in the money market, and the general depression in all branches of trade, there has not been offered on the marke of the efficient labors of the officers and during the past year but little real estate in the centre was given at the Vrginia Opera-House last men to whose intelligence and skill the suc- of our city; but by reference to our advertising colcess of the works is due, and without whose umns Mr. Wellington Goddin, auctioneer, willoffer for sale AT 12 O'CLOCK TO-DAY that handsome brownstone-front tenement at the northwest corner of Main and Governor streets, and the tene ment in rear, so long occupied by that old and reliable firm of Purcell, Ladu & Co., wholesale drug-The location is all that could be desired. Now that the rilver bill is about to go into operation it is

LADIES FRENCH RESTAURANT.-Mr. ANDREW ANTONI, the popular confecfain street, has just opened a delightful Free and American restaurant, where indies and gentle-men can get the choicest delicacies of the season served up in first-class style, and at moderate prices-Mons. LEVY, late of the Union Lengue Club, Philadelphia, has charge of the cutsine, and this is sufficient to ensure the success of this department.

THE TELEPHONE.—That which would have seem

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ed impossible and miraculous a few years since is now regarded as the legitimate fruit of our mental development and inventive genius. The telegraph. submarine cable, and telephone have each in its successive turn been thought the crowning marvel of the age. That a speech pronounced in Boston should report itself over the wires to an audience in Brooklyn, and a hymn played in New York should be audible in Washington, is indeed wonderful. But is it not equally wonderful that R. V. Pierce, M. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., can, through his peculiar system of diagnosis, and without seeing the nationt, obtain as accurate and perfect a knowledge of most chronic diseases as though be had made a personal examination? And is it not reasonable to suppose that as great progress has been made in the occult sciences as in the more tangible and readily-demonstrable problems of metaphysics, where each new inven-tion is but the logical sequence of the one that precedes it? The failure of physicians to fulfil their promises has created a wide-spread feeling of distrust; but is it right to condemn all physicians because the greed or ignorance of a few induced them to do wrong? Many are projudiced against Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines, and erroneously fancy them to be "cure-alls"; but has not the Doctor repostedly dischaimed their solility to cure cancer, or give other than temporary relief where the lung was half wasted away? By dealing fairly with the people, he has earned their confidence and built up a practice so large in the treatment of chronic diseases that the erection of the Grand Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., to accommodate his patients, became a necessity. At an expense of nearly half a million dollars he has erected the largest and most

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